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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER Date: **NOV 18 2009**
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IN RE: Petitioner: [REDACTED]
Beneficiary: [REDACTED]

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Member of the Professions Holding an
Advanced Degree or an Alien of Exceptional Ability Pursuant to Section
203(b)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2)

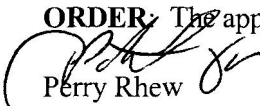
ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

DISCUSSION: The immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. On November 6, 2009, the petitioner requested that the petition be withdrawn. Title 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(6), however, indicates that an application or petition may not be withdrawn once a decision is issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Notwithstanding this provision, even if the grounds of ineligibility in this matter were to be overcome on appeal, this request to withdraw the petition now renders it subject to automatic revocation without prior notice. See 8 C.F.R. § 205.1(a)(3)(iii)(C). Therefore, as the request to withdraw the original petition was received before the issuance of the AAO's decision in this matter, the issues in this proceeding are now moot, and the appeal will be dismissed on this basis.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed as moot.


Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office